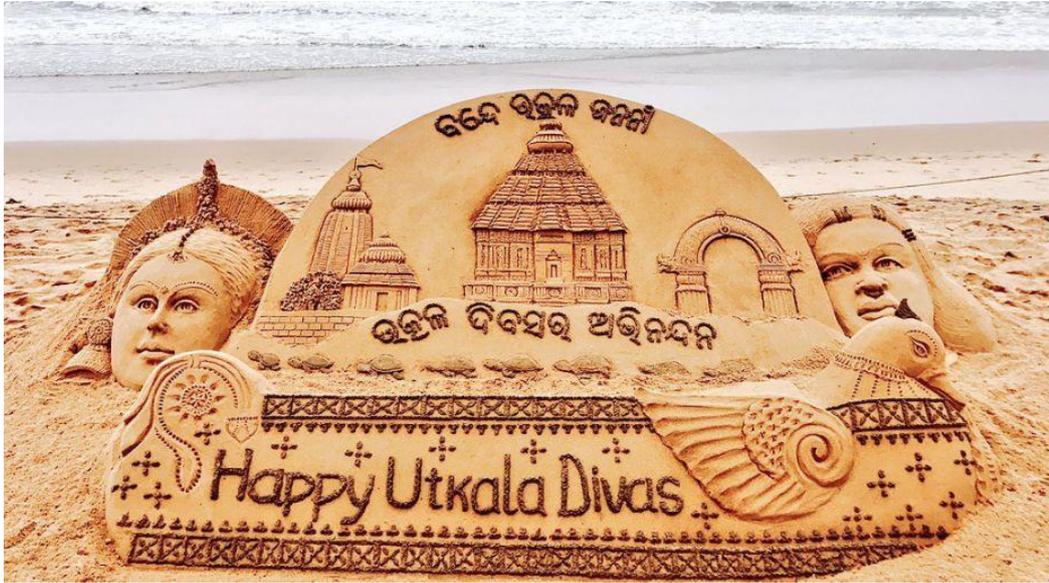


# Daily Current Affairs

## 01 April 2026

### Utkal Divas 2026 Odisha

- Utkal Divas 2026 is being celebrated on the 1st of April, 2026. This day is marking the formation of Odisha from a separate province in the year 1936. This historic day honors the vision and efforts of the leaders who have fought to preserve the Odia language, culture and identity.
- It is also known as **Odisha Foundation Day** and this occasion reflects the pride, unit and heritage through vibrant celebrations, cultural programs and several public events.
- The State which now known as the Odisha was once upon a time called the Kalinga. Kalinga is the a powerful and prosperous kingdom from the ancient India. The famous Kalinga War in the 261 BCE had transformed the Emperor Ashoka's and leads him toward the peace and Buddhism.
- Capital: Bhubaneswar
- Famous for: Jagannath Temple (Puri) and Konark Sun Temple
- Classical dance form: Odissi
- Located on the eastern coast along the Bay of Bengal



## 19-Year-Old Sheetal Devi Honoured

- Sheetal Devi the India's upcoming and rising young star has been named with the prestigious '**Para Archer of the Year 2025**' award by World Archery. With the age of 19 and the archer from Jammu and Kashmir has achieved the global recognition for the wonderful performance and inspiring journey of her.
- Sheetal Devi just made history by becoming the first and only female armless archer to win the gold medal at the World Para Archery Championships.
- She has achieved this exceptional feat in the women's compound individual event which was held in Gwangju, South Korea.
- She had won the,
- Gold medal in women's compound individual event
- Silver medal in women's team event
- Bronze medal in mixed team event
- Adding to this she has won,
- Silver medal at the 2022 Asian Para Games
- Silver medal at the 2023 Asian Championships in Bangkok



## Waste Segregation Made Mandatory

- To improved and Sustainable waste management India had the introduction of the Solid Waste Management Rules 2026. This rules are notified on January 27, 2026 and these new rules will come into effect from the April 1, 2026.
- These new rules are replacing the old 2016 framework. This updated framework policy focuses on to the better waste segregation, digital monitoring of waste and sustainable practices in which the circular economy approach.
- All the households and institutions must have to now separate waste into,
- Wet waste (biodegradable)
- Dry waste (recyclable)
- Sanitary waste
- Special care waste
- The 2026 rules also gave strong emphasize on the concept of a circular economy where the waste is reused, recycled and repurposed instead of being it discarded.



## PM Modi Inaugurates Samrat Samprati Museum

- Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum in the Gandhinagar on his visit to Gujarat on the March 31, 2026. With this inauguration it is marking the significant step to preserving India's rich Jain heritage.
- The inauguration was coincided with the auspicious occasion of the Mahavir Jayanti and with this it has added the special spiritual significance to the event. The Museum was located at the Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra in the Koba village, Gandhinagar.
- Samprati ruled during the 224-215 BCE and he was regarded as one of the greatest patrons of Jainism.
- He was often compared to his grandfather Ashoka for his role to spreading religious values but the Samprati on the other side had focused specifically on to the Jain teachings.
- His contributions also include the,
  - Building several Jain temples across India
  - Also supporting monks and spreading the message of ahimsa
  - And importantly to promoting ethical governance based on non-violence



## Former Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi Passes Away

- Former Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi passed away on the 30th march at the age of 67 years. With this it is marking the end of the significant political journey of the leader. He Served as the president of Suriname from the 2020 to 2025.
- Santokhi was known for his economic reforms and strong global outreach with several countries.



## PM Modi Launches Kaynes Semiconductor Plant

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Kaynes Semicon Plant in Sanand, Gujarat on the March 31, 2026. This inauguration signals the India's growing strength in the semiconductor manufacturing and with ambition to become the global tech leader.
- This facility has begin now the production of the advanced components which are crucial for the industries like electric vehicles and electronics.

- These modules will support the,
- Electric vehicles (EVs) and its sustainable mobility
- Industrial automation and heavy machinery
- Also an advanced electronics and energy efficient systems
- The Prime Minister also emphasized the importance of the India Semiconductor Mission which was launched in 2021.
- This mission aims to,
- Develop the complete semiconductor ecosystem
- To promote domestic manufacturing and design capabilities
- Also to reduce dependence on global chip imports



## India's First Digital Census 2027 Begins

- India has officially starts the process of the Census 2027. With this it is marking the historic step because country to conducts its first-ever digital census. This massive Census counting is the nationwide exercise and will be today.
- It will use the mobile applications and also online self-enumeration and with this it is making the data collection faster and more transparent. It is the 16th Census of India and eighth after Independence and also to introduces the several new feature and will set the new bench landmark.
- The launch of the Census 2027 hints the major transformation in how the India can collects and manages demographic data.
- For the first time the enumerators will use the smartphone based mobile applications instead of the traditional paperwork methods.
- This digital shift is expected to improve accuracy and efficiency and also to reduce delays in data processing. And this will also ensures the real time monitoring.

- This first phase will run from the April to September 2026. It will focus on collecting data related to,
  - Housing conditions
  - Availability of amenities
  - Household assets
- Phase II: Population Enumeration
  - It is scheduled for the February 2027, and this phase will collect the detailed individual-level data such as the,
    - Demographics
    - Education
    - Migration patterns
    - Fertility details



## WTO 14<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference Concludes

- The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) concluded on the 30th of March in Yaounde in Cameroon. This conference brings together the global trade leaders to discuss the critical economic issues.
- Indian delegation was led by Piyush Goyal and India has actively participated to shaping the discussions on WTO reforms, fisheries subsidies, e-commerce and the agriculture.
- Key outcomes of the MC-14 include,
  - The continued negotiations on the fisheries subsidies and its recommendations are expected to be accepted at MC-15
  - Also, the adoption of decisions to support the small economies and its integration into global trade
- Key outcomes of the MC-14 include,

- Strengthening the implementation of SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) and TBT (Technical Barriers to Trade) agreements
- Key points raised by India are,
- Need for permanent solution on Public Stockholding (PSH)
- Importance of the Special Safeguard Mechanism (SSM)
- Addressing the cotton-related issues for the developing countries



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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Utkal Divas is celebrated on which date?**

- A) 26 January
- B) 15 August
- C) 1 April
- D) 2 October

**Answer: C) 1 April**

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**2. Utkal Divas marks the formation of which state?**

- A) Bihar
- B) Odisha
- C) Jharkhand
- D) West Bengal

**Answer: B) Odisha**

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**3. Odisha was earlier known as which ancient kingdom?**

- A) Magadha
- B) Kalinga
- C) Avanti
- D) Kosala

**Answer: B) Kalinga**

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**4. The Kalinga War influenced which emperor to adopt Buddhism?**

- A) Chandragupta Maurya
- B) Harsha
- C) Ashoka
- D) Akbar

**Answer: C) Ashoka**

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**5. Sheetal Devi received which prestigious award?**

- A) Arjuna Award
- B) Khel Ratna
- C) Para Archer of the Year 2025
- D) Dronacharya Award

**Answer: C) Para Archer of the Year 2025**

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**6. Where were the World Para Archery Championships held (where Sheetal Devi won gold)?**

- A) Tokyo
- B) Beijing
- C) Gwangju
- D) Seoul

**Answer: C) Gwangju**

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**7. Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 came into effect from:**

- A) January 26, 2026
- B) March 1, 2026

C) April 1, 2026

D) May 1, 2026

**Answer: C) April 1, 2026**

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**8. The Samrat Samprati Museum was inaugurated in which city?**

A) Jaipur

B) Gandhinagar

C) Bhopal

D) Lucknow

**Answer: B) Gandhinagar**

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**9. Chandrikapersad Santokhi was the former President of which country?**

A) Guyana

B) Fiji

C) Suriname

D) Mauritius

**Answer: C) Suriname**

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**10. India's first digital census will be conducted in which year?**

A) 2025

B) 2026

C) 2027

D) 2028

**Answer: C) 2027**